

COUNTRY Eastern Germany

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TOPIC Cottbus Airfield

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29 August 1952

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1. Between 10 and 18 July 1952, work continued on the new barracks installation at Cottbus airfield about 1 km northwest of the Fucker Kaserne. Four brick buildings were already completed. A large wooden building, probably a garage was nearing completion. (1) An area about 250 square meters large, which was surrounded by a barbed wire fence, was observed between the landing field and the construction site. Empty gasoline containers, cartridge boxes and ammunition boxes were stored there.

2. Between 21 and 27 July, 10 to 20 tents were observed in the southern section of the woods at the field. The tents were occupied by Soviet AAA soldiers. (2)

3. On 21 July, all workers and civilian employees at the field were dismissed. The workers were no longer allowed to enter the field although they had not yet completed their work. (3)

4. The following air activity was observed at the field between 18 and 26 July:

18 July. There was flying by jet bombers

22 July. Local flights were made by a jet bomber.

24 July. Flying was practiced between 4:30 and 7:40 p.m.

25 July. Between 7:30 a.m. and 1 p.m., formation flying was practiced in flights at an altitude of 3,000 to 4,000 meters.

26 July. A twin-engine plane with a nose wheel and five jet aircraft

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5. Between 23 and 26 July, troops with equipment left the field on motor vehicles. No AA guns were observed at the field on 26 July. A shipment was observed leaving at 4 p.m. on 26 July. (5)

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7. After 1 August, no aircraft were observed at the field. The remainder of the air force unit left the field on 2 August. A new unit was unloaded at the field after 1 August.

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The following buildings in Cottbus were vacated: Hochbauschule, Textilhochschule, House of the Vereinsbank, Rathaus, Amtsgericht and Haus der Einheit. (7)

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8. The following observations were made at the field between 23 July and 2 August:

23 July. Between 3:30 and 5 p.m., take-offs and landings were continuously practiced by several twin-engine planes. Five jet bombers, 10 twin-engine aircraft, 3 twin-engine aircraft of another type, 2 biplanes and 1 single-engine plane were parked at the field.

25 July. Taking-off and landing practices were made between 3 and 10 a.m.

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29 July. Aircraft parked at the field included 4 jet bombers, 4 single-engine fighters and 1 twin-engine plane. One fighter made practice flights. (3)

2 August. No air activity was observed between 5 and 7 p.m.

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Comments.

- (1) Information on the construction and location of the new buildings was previously received. [redacted] It is believed that AAA units are to be quartered in the buildings.
- 25X1 (2) AAA gun emplacements the number and pinpoint location of which are not known are located in the southern section of the field.
- 25X1 (3) The dismissal of civilian personnel was connected with the transfer of troops on 26 July 1952.
- (4) [redacted]
- 25X1 (5) This information confirms that the bomber regiment left Cotbus airfield. According to a previous report, the regiment was shipped to Jueterboj. [redacted]
- 25X1 (6) [redacted]
- (7) The future utilization of these buildings could not be determined.
- (8) The single-engine fighters, probably Yak-11s, which were observed at the field possibly indicate an occupation by a fighter regiment which will be re-equipped with MiG-15s.

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